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# Holy Trinity Church

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**PENTECOST 19**

**Celebrant:** The Rector

**Readings:** Rachel Campbell

**Sidespeople:** Jan Foster & Ann Lees

**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

## PREPARATION

**Organ Prelude** Ralph Vaughan Williams: Rhosymedre ("Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes")

**Opening Hymn** (*please stand*)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him!

Joachim Neander  
tr. Catherine Winkworth

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children, there is no room for fear in love.  
We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria** Kilcreggan Mass (*see separate music sheet*)                      (*please stand*)

*Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, of God the Father. Amen, Amen.*

## Collect

Almighty and merciful God: in your goodness keep from us all that is harmful; that, being ready both in body and soul, we may freely accomplish your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Genesis 32.22-31 (*please sit*)

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

### Psalm 121

1 I to the hills will lift my eyes.  
From whence shall come mine aid?  
My safety cometh from the Lord,  
who heaven and earth has made.

2 Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will  
he slumber that thee keeps.  
Behold, he that keeps Israel,  
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

3 The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade  
on thy right hand doth stay:  
the moon by night thee shall not smite,  
nor yet the sun by day.

4 The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall  
preserve thee from all ill.  
Henceforth thy going out and in  
God keep for ever will.

The Scottish Psalter, 1929

### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

### Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**Gospel:** Luke 18.1-8 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Sermon:** The Rector

**Nicene Creed** (*please stand*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Intercessions** led by Robert Nellist (*please sit*)

**The Peace** (*please stand*) We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## Offertory Hymn (*please stand*)

How lovely is that dwelling-place wherein I long to stand;  
my heart and soul are yearning, Lord, to live in that bright land;  
the blessed ones who live there, Lord, eternally sing praise,  
they worship at your altar and shall through all their days.

Yet blessed, too, are mortals who find their strength in you.  
Who set their hearts on pilgrimage, in trials remaining true;  
upon the road they travel, Lord, God's goodness they bestow,  
on dry and desert places your showers of blessing flow.

One day within your courts, Lord, as keeper of your gate  
would better than a thousand be in princely high estate;  
O Lord, you are my sun and shield to whom all praise is due;  
how blessed is the one, Lord, who trusts alone in you.

Words: from Psalm 84, Paul Wigmore  
Music: Scottish melody,  
arranged David Iliff  
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## Offertory Prayer (*please stand*)

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit, you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(please sit)*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient

to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world. On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.**

**We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised  
into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Agnus Dei** *see separate music sheet*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

**Communion** *is administered at the bottom of the chancel steps. Hand sanitiser is provided.*

1 Sing, my soul, when hope is sleeping,  
sing when faith gives way to fears;  
sing to melt the ice of sadness,  
making way for joy through tears.

2 Sing, my soul, when sickness lingers,  
sing to dull the sharpest pain;  
sing to set the spirit leaping:  
healing needs a glad refrain.

3 Sing, my soul, of him who shaped me,  
let me wander far away,  
ran with open arms to greet me,  
brought me home again to stay.

4 Sing, my soul, when light seems darkest,  
sing when night refuses rest,  
sing though death should mock the future:  
what's to come by God is blessed.

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## **THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Final Hymn** *(please stand)*

1 Extol the God of justice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
remember all his wonders,  
recount them and rejoice.  
He stands with all who labour  
for what is true and right,  
till wickedness and falsehood  
are banished from his sight.

2 Extol the God of justice  
enthroned for evermore,  
a stronghold of affliction,  
a refuge to the poor:  
he hears the cry of victims  
and senses their despair;  
in faithfulness he honours  
the faith that sparks our prayer.

3 Extol the God of justice,  
however dark the day:  
the hope that calls for mercy  
will not be turned away;  
for evil shall not triumph,  
nor human sin prevail:  
the Lord is God eternal,  
whose judgement cannot fail.

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## The Blessing & Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Organ Postlude** William Croft: Voluntary in D minor

### NOTICES

**COP27: A 'virtual' walk to Egypt:** Following the Climate Summit in Glasgow last year, a virtual walk is taking place from Scotland to Egypt where the next summit (COP27) takes place in Egypt this autumn. People taking part in walks in their local area will be able to have all their miles walked pulled together to represent the virtual walk and raise awareness of the increasing challenge of climate change. A walk for people in the Stirling area will take place on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**, starting at Doune Ponds. The walk is open for anyone to join. Just turn up at the picnic area at Doune Ponds between 12.30 and 1.30 on Sunday 16th October. (The walk will start at 1.30 and those who want to can bring a picnic lunch to eat beforehand).

More info on Walk to COP27 is here: <https://www.walk2cop27.com/>

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

7.30 – 9 p.m. **Wellsprings: Praying with Lectio Divina**

Offered by the Revd Joan Lyon in her home at 17 Randolph Court, Stirling FK8 2AL. This will last about an hour and all are welcome to stay for a cup of tea or coffee. Contact: [joanblyon@gmail.com](mailto:joanblyon@gmail.com). Maximum number is 9.

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

#### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

10 a.m. – 12 noon **Christian Aid Coffee Morning** in Park Church Hall (formerly St Columba's).

Tickets (available from David & Sheila Brown) are £2 for adults and free for children.

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

PENTECOST 20

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**

#### **Readings**

Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18;

Luke 18.9-14